

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

JESSICA BENTON, SHELBY BRYANT,
ANNE MARIE CAVANAUGH, ALYSSA
GARRISON, AND CLARE THOMAS,
Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF SEATTLE,
Defendant.

No. 2:20-CV-01174- RAJ

DECLARATION OF J. TALITHA
HAZELTON

I, J. Talitha Hazelton, declare and state as follows:

1. The information contained in this declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I am of majority age and competent to testify about the matters set forth herein.
2. On August 3, 2020 at 10:00AM I conferred with Assistant City Attorney Ghazal Sharifi via telephone number 206-684-8217.
3. The conversation lasted no longer than 3 minutes upon review of the call length detail for the conversation on August 3, 2020 at 10:00AM via my cell phone's call log history.
4. Counsel identified herself and plaintiffs and conversed with what appeared to be a bewildered assistant city attorney. Ms Sharifi seemed confused by fact that plaintiffs were seeking a TRO, considering Judge Jones' issuance of a TRO in June and Judge Robart's entry of an injunction in July.

- 1 5. The goal of the conversation from undersigned counsel's end was to obtain, via
- 2 conference with Ms. Sharifi, the foregone response: no, the City would not agree to
- 3 be bound by a TRO that limits the munitions officers can utilize at protests.
- 4 6. I received the impression that Ms. Sharifi was under the misapprehension that I was
- 5 unaware of the pending actions. Thus, I curtly assured Ms. Sharifi yes, I recognized
- 6 there was another suit. Yes, I recognize Judge Robart issued an order related to the
- 7 consent decree. Yet, and still, I am inquiring (as it is our position that after July 25,
- 8 2020 said orders are insufficient): will you agree to this proposed TRO?
- 9 7. The city indicated it would not.

10 /s/ J. Talitha Hazelton
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